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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 230634, (B) LAGOS 11170

1. IN MEETING WITH POLCOUNS TODAY, MEA AMERICAS DEPT DIRECTOR MUSA SAID DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO HOUSE PRESIDENT CARTER AND SOME OF HIS PARTY (TO A TOTAL OF ABOUT 20) IN STATE HOUSE MARINA. THEY PLAN TO EVACUATE NEW WING OF FEDERAL PALACE HOTEL FOR A REMAINDER OF 400 ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT

2. STATE HOUSE MARINA, WHICH IS ABOUT TWO BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY, WAS RESIDENCE OF BRITISH GOVERNOR GENERAL AND, BEFORE MILITARY RULE, HEAD OF STATE. IT IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING 'RECONDITIONING.'

3. FMG WILL BEAR EXPENSES OF THOSE STAYING IN STATE HOUSE MARINA (MUSA, WITH TWINKLE IN EYE, SAID OBASANJO HAD OBSERVED FMG OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO PAY FOR 'A FEW MORE THAN 12'). US WILL BE EXPECTED TO PICK UP HOTEL BILL.

4. WHEN POLCOUNS ASKED WHETHER ANY THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO TRANSPORTATION AND SCHEDULING, MUSA INDICATED THAT FMG WILL NOT  
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GET INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT UNTIL AFTER MIDDLE OF MONTH --' AFTER ALL, IT IS TWO FULL MONTHS AWAY."

5. COMMENT: THESE REMARKS AND MUSA'S REACTION TO POLCOUNS EFFORTS TO DISCUSS REMAINING DETAILS OF OBASANJO VISIT (HOWARD UNIVERSITY VISIT AND CHASE DINNER ARRANGEMENTS) INDICATE CLEARLY THAT DECISION-MAKING CENTER HAS SHIFTED

TO NEW YORK. ON OBASANJO VISIT DETAILS, MUSA SHRUGGED IMPATIENTLY  
AND SAID THESE SHOULD BE SETTLED DIRECTLY WITH GARBA.  
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